

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING VICTORIA GRAY ADAMS CIVIL RIGHTS LEGEND

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the life of an African-American civil rights legend, Mrs. Victoria Gray Adams. Victoria Gray Adams, civil rights activist, co-founded the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

Victoria Gray Adams and fellow civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer and Annie Devine were chosen as the national spokespersons for the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and attended the 1964 Democratic Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Though their efforts to unseat the all-white Mississippi delegation were unsuccessful, these pioneering women and other members of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party's decision to challenge the Mississippi Segregationist political machine resulted in an integrated Mississippi delegation at the 1968 Democratic Convention and became a turning point in the civil rights movement. Mrs. Adams gave account of her civil rights involvement in the documentary "Standing on My Sisters Shoulders", in which she recalls the day in 1968 that she along with Fannie Lou Hamer and Annie Devine were the first African-American women to ever be invited as guest on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. She and others were honored at the 2004 Democratic National Convention for their trailblazing spirit and contribution to the civil rights movement.

Mrs. Adams would later become the first woman from Mississippi to run for the United States Senate. Mrs. Adams helped change Mississippi politics significantly by guaranteeing a seat at the table to discuss the African-American agenda. Courageous and tenacious, Mrs. Adams had an unyielding commitment to the civil rights movement, and for that reason today Mississippi has the highest number of African-American elected officials in the nation.

After attending Wilberforce University for a year, Mrs. Adams returned to Hattiesburg, Mississippi where she taught voter registration classes in the early 1960s and her fight for equality began. While Hattiesburg was 30 percent African-American, only 50 citizens were allowed to register to vote. In 1962, Mrs. Adams dedicated herself to the civil rights movement when she became field secretary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). She would later move to Thailand and labor on behalf of African-American United States servicemen for several years.

In her own words, Mrs. Adams said she learned in 1964 that there were two kinds of people in grass-roots politics, "those who are in the movement and those who have the movement in them." "The movement is in me", she said, and "and I know it always be."

Please join me today in honoring a true civil rights pioneer, Victoria Gray Adams.

HONORING LOUIS LAFAYETTE HUNTLEY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor a great man whose life represents an American success story. Sadly, Louis Lafayette Huntley passed away, but he left behind a legacy of service for generations to follow. Mr. Huntley's life is a testament to commitment, faith and perseverance.

Louis Huntley grew up in a large family in Northeast Florida where he learned from his parents the hard work it takes to be successful in life. Following high school, he served in the U.S. Army for one year and after graduating from the University of Florida in 1950, he committed himself to over 40 years of service, first to the Florida National Guard and later to the Army Reserve until he retired as a Colonel in 1991.

In that same period, Mr. Huntley's distinguished himself in the Florida business community, going out on his own and starting his own business. By the time he sold it in 1990, Huntley's Jiffy Stores, Inc. had amassed 342 locations across Florida and Southeast Georgia. The success of his business endeavors was truly earned. This success translated into politics where he served as president of the Clay County Chamber of Commerce and as a Florida State Representative from 1964 to 1966.

Mr. Huntley's largest accomplishments, however, can be attributed to what he gave back to his family and community. Mr. Huntley was a great family man, with a loving wife, Mary, by his side for over a half-century. Together, they raised three children, Ward, Frank and Edith, who along with their nine grandchildren will carry on his legacy for generations to come. He loved to keep active with charities like the Boy Scouts of America and Rotary International, where he had a perfect attendance record for decades. He was also a man of deep Christian faith who employed his strong family values in his professional and personal life.

Mr. Huntley's life was successful not only because of his hard work and determination, but because he cared so much about those around him. Through innovation and leadership, he was able to create so much in his professional life, yet he still found time be a loving father and husband. He earned the respect and friendship from those that knew him; he will truly be missed.

I would like to send my condolences to his family and those mourning his loss. Although he will be greatly missed, his story will live on for others to follow.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NEVADA STATE COLLEGE AND DR. FRED MARYANSKI

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the students, faculty and administrators of Nevada State College's School of Nursing in Henderson, Nevada, for their tremendous achievements with their accelerated nursing program. Their achievements are a reflection of their commitment to our community. Dr. Fred Maryanski, President of Nevada State College, has been instrumental in Nevada State College's early success as Nevada's newest institution of public higher education. His leadership, commitment, and vision serves as a testimonial to the success of the college's nursing program.

Nevada State College first welcomed students in August of 2002. It has been charged with the mission to meet the needs of students who are interested in bachelor degrees in our state's much-needed fields such as nursing and education, as well as in other disciplines in the arts and sciences. Since that time, Nevada State College has committed resources, professors, and vision to ensure that their mission statement becomes a reality. For faculty and students, that dream has been achieved. On Saturday, August 26, 2006, twenty-nine students graduated from the college's Accelerated Nursing Program, a success which reflects the college's commitment to providing their students with the necessary resources to achieve their dreams. I would like to commend the following students on their graduation from Nevada State College's Accelerated Nursing Program: Nancy Andruk, Joyce Arce, Royal Bradley, Tatiana Brandon, Katherine Busby, Diandra Castenada, Perla Cisco, Themis De Guzman, Tobyn Derby-Talbot, Andi Del Gatto, Catherine Dullano, Crisandra Eastmond, Raul Ellazar, Desiree Espinoza, Diane Graham, Kathryn Havey, Lynda Hubeny, Marianne Jackson, Brigitte Lacombe, Jeanette Long, Eudora Mordi, Eleanor Mox, Milagros Navarro, Bette-Ann Pierce, Sayma Salman, Dawn Scott, Nicole Thomas, Chantal Whittenberg, Bethany Williams, and Samantha Zomar.

As a result of Dr. Maryanski's tremendous leadership, his faculty's commitment to their goals, and his students' determination to succeed, Nevada State College has become an important component of Nevada's educational system. Dr. Maryanski assumed the presidency of the college in 2005, after a long and distinguished career at one of our country's leading public universities, the University of Connecticut. Since his arrival, President Maryanski has been working in partnership with the Nevada System of Higher Education to triple the number of nursing graduates by 2013.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Dr. Fred Maryanski, President of Nevada State College

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and the students of the Accelerated Nursing Program. Nevada State is making a tremendous difference throughout Southern Nevada, and the Nursing Program is helping to provide skilled workers to the health services across the state. I applaud Nevada State College's efforts and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MISTY PENA

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Misty Pena of North Richland Hills, Texas, on receiving the venerated 2006 Presidential Freedom Scholarship. As a recipient of this prestigious award, she is recognized for her outstanding leadership and commitment to servicing of her community and its residents.

The Presidential Freedom Scholarship program, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service and administered by Learn and Serve America, honors select high school juniors and seniors, displaying exceptional service and citizenship, with a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. To be eligible for nomination, individuals must have completed at least 100 hours of community service and receive the recommendation of their high school.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to Misty Pena on receiving this award and commend her dedication and desire to help her school, community, and country.

TRIBUTE TO REX GUYNN OF ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a distinguished constituent, Rex Guynn of Zephyrhills, Florida. Rex served as the acting fire chief and recently retired after 21 years of service.

Following his service in the U.S. Army, Rex began his career in 1985 as a firefighter. He quickly rose through the ranks to become a driver engineer, captain, fire inspector, assistant chief and acting chief in June 2006.

An avid runner throughout his life, Rex ran track as a kid and has completed marathons as an adult. In his free time, Rex enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, motorcycle riding and praising the Lord. A member of the CARES Board that governs the senior center, Rex is also a faithful member of the Oasis Church where he serves as a missionary. Rex also is a member of the Florida Fire Marshal's Association, Prison Ministry, Christian Motorcycle Association, and the Rotary Club.

Rex and his wife, Melinda, have one son, Ryan, and one stepson, Blake. They lost a third son, Aaron, in a motorcycle accident after his military service in Iraq. Following Rex's last official day with the city on August 11, 2006, he and Melinda will travel to Uganda, Africa,

and spread the word of the Lord as missionaries.

Mr. Speaker, Rex Guynn has served the Zephyrhills community with distinction for 21 years. It is a testament to his desire to serve that he and his wife will continue their missionary work following his retirement. I commend Rex for his service and congratulate him on his retirement from the Zephyrhills Fire Department.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF GREGORY JACKSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute and recognition of Gregory D. Jackson, Fire Chief of Bay Village, Ohio. Mr. Jackson is retiring after serving and protecting the people of Bay Village for over 33 years.

Gregory Jackson served our country as a member of the U.S. Air Force in Korea. Upon his return from military service, Mr. Jackson became a firefighter, working at NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, before joining the Bay Village division in September 1972.

During his career, Jackson became one of the first firefighters trained as a paramedic. In 1976, he helped create the WeShare—West Shore Area Rescue program—that raised the standards of fire fighting skills. Mr. Jackson volunteered countless hours as an Emergency Medical Technician and fire academy instructor, training future generations of emergency responders. With a genuine concern for his community, it is no surprise that Jackson was also involved in the establishment of a centralized emergency response center for nearby suburbs.

In August 1979, Jackson was sworn in as fire chief. His tenure is the longest in Bay Village's history. Throughout his career, his wife, Kim; daughters, Michelle and Connie; and the people of his community have been thankful for his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in tribute and recognition of a man whose career has been spent sacrificing his own safety, for the safety of others. His commitment to the protection of the people of northeast Ohio will be missed tremendously. May he enjoy a retirement filled with happiness and good health.

IN HONOR OF JOE HALL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Joe Hall, who has recently retired after serving the citizens of Santa Cruz in various capacities since 1973.

Joe is best known in my office as the steward of the San Lorenzo River Flood Control Project, an effort on which we have worked together since I began my service in Congress and is finally nearing completion.

Through his hard work in the City of Santa Cruz Planning Department and later as assist-

ant director of the Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency, Joe worked tirelessly to corral the resources of local, State, and Federal agencies toward a project that will provide vital flood protection to the residents and businesses of Santa Cruz.

He was the primary source of information for me as I advocated for the project in Washington, and I know he is as proud of the success of this project as I am.

There is no doubt that the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake is the defining moment for a generation of Santa Cruz residents, and Joe played an integral role in the miraculous redevelopment of a downtown that was literally leveled by the quake.

It might have been an accepted idea at the time to forget about downtown Santa Cruz and redevelop an economic base elsewhere in the area, but the visionary work of Redevelopment Director Ceil Cirillo, Joe, and other city officials led to an amazing rebirth in downtown that continues today.

Joe also was instrumental in the creation of legislation on the State level that provided a special bond financing mechanism to assist with the seismic retrofit of older buildings. While the legislation was approved too late to help Santa Cruz, other California cities have since benefited from Joe's ideas.

While Joe has been an outstanding employee of the city of Santa Cruz since 1973, he has also served the Santa Cruz community in a number of other capacities, including president of the board of education, a public affairs talk show host for a local public radio station, and an instructor in city planning at Cabrillo College.

And while Santa Cruz may have benefited most from Joe's good works, he has also served his country with honor and dignity. Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army upon his graduation from UCLA, Joe served as a training officer for the U.S. Army Electronic Command and in 1996 he retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel.

I am certain that I have not heard the last from Joe, as I expect he will remain an active member of the community, but I do want to wish he, his wife Marcella, and his children Eric and Christine, the best as they enter this exciting new chapter.

A SALUTE TO REGINA CARTER

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, as Dean of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Chairman of the Jazz Forum and Concert that occurs during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, I rise to salute the achievements of violinist Regina Carter, a rising star in the field of jazz. The following biography is found on Stephanie Jordan's own web site. It chronicles a career of accomplishment already deserving of high recognition, and of this body's thoughtful attention and respect:

Regina Carter's immersion in music began at the age of 2 when she took up piano followed by violin at the age of 4. Forever indebted to the Suzuki method of music teaching, the approach freed her from the rigid restraints of solely reading music and opened